

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Educare Family Support Service – donations and volunteers needed**

We are delighted to be working with a wonderful local Ealing charity, *Educare Family Support Service*, who support disadvantaged vulnerable families in the Ealing and neighbouring boroughs. Last Christmas they provided 300 families with hampers and also supported families during COVID tough times. This year they are aiming to make 500 hampers and we are giving them our hall for a few days to use to make the hampers and get them delivered.

**What is Educare Family Support Service?**

Naomi Rattrey, Managing Director, explains that, "For many families we are an integral part of their daily life, supporting them through some challenging times. We work in partnership to improve better outcomes for their children, reducing their parenting stress and improving family functioning. Our families are important to us and we will continue to support them practically during the pandemic and beyond, through our outreach services within the community. We work in partnership with local authorities and existing Charities to be able to deliver our initiatives and additionally, we sometimes require support and donations from the community. All the money we raise goes directly into continuing and ensuring that families are provided with essential items and support to meet their basic needs".

**How can you help?**

1. Donate here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/efss-supportingfamilies>
2. Donate non-perishable food next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December when we collect in school.
3. Come with your child on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and help Naomi and her team package up the hampers. Children must be accompanied by an adult and you will be allocated a slot between 9.30 and 12.30. Please email Miss Kondo via [admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk) if you and your child would like to do this. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with your child on a local community project.
4. Volunteer to deliver hampers, in a car that can fit about 3 or 4 boxes; Educare Family Support Service are seeking volunteers drivers to distribute our hampers directly to families between 9:30am and 12pm (every half hour) on the Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th December from West Acton Primary School. Please email Kelly at [kmatos@educare-fss.co.uk](mailto:kmatos@educare-fss.co.uk) with day that you can help.

I hope that you will be able to join in helping this charity in some way this year.

Yours faithfully,  
**Karen Kondo**  
Headteacher

## Shopping list for Food donations for *Educare Family Support Service*

Small box of chocolates  
Gravy granules

Biscuits  
Trifle mix

Bags of rice  
Small cakes

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste



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